

By Senator Collins:

Resolution passed by the teacher's association of Jasper, Newton, San Augustine and Sabine counties, expressing favor of the measure creating the office of county superintendent in all counties having each 2000 or more scholastic population.

By Senator Terrell of Wise:

Petition numerously signed by citizens of Denton county, expressing opposition to House bill No. 341, making the office of county superintendent of schools local optional, also House bill No. 281, making attendance at county institutes gratuitous.

By Senator Perkins:

Petition numerously signed by citizens of Collin county favoring the M. K. & T. and Texas Central Consolidation bill and urging its passage.

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,

Saturday, Feb. 18, 1911.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by President Pro Tem. Hudspeth.

Roll call, quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names.

Adams.	Murray.
Astin.	Paulus.
Bryan.	Peeler.
Carter.	Perkins.
Cofer.	Ratliff.
Collins.	Sturgeon.
Greer.	Terrell, Wise.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.
Hume.	Vaughan.
Johnson.	Ward.
Kauffman.	Warren.
Lattimore.	Watson.
Mayfield.	Weinert.
McNealus.	Willacy.
Meachum.	

Absent.

Real. Terrell, McLennan.

Prayer by Rev. Bradfield of Austin.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, on motion of Senator Peeler, the same was dispensed with.

(Lieutenant Governor Davidson in the chair.)

REGULAR ORDER.

The Chair called the regular order of business. (See appendix for committee reports and petitions and memorials.)

INVITATION.

The following was read to the Senate:

Austin, Texas, Feb. 17, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Please have read to the Senate the following invitation:

Dr. W. D. Bradfield, pastor of the First Methodist church, cordially invites the President and members of the Senate to hear his sermon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

"Education—A Supreme Concern of Church and State."

Thanking you, and with best wishes, I am,

Truly yours,
W. D. BRADFELD.

FIRST HOUSE MESSAGE.

Hall of the House of Representatives.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bill:

House bill No. 282, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 6, Article 7, of a Special Act entitled 'An Act granting to Denison, Grayson county, Texas, a new charter of incorporation, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,' adopted at the Regular Session of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Texas, approved on the 27th day of March, 1907, so as to provide that any insufficiency, real or supposed, in the caption to any resolution adopted by the city council of the city of Denison shall not invalidate or otherwise affect any election or proceedings which may have been or which may be held thereunder or the validity of any bonds that may have been or which may be issued by said city, when the record of the proceedings in relation to such bonds shall have been approved by the Attorney General and such bonds registered as provided by law and declaring all bonds issued by said city

since the 27th day of March, 1907, to be valid, and binding obligations of said city requiring provisions for the payment of principal and interest of same, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

O. P. BASFORD,

Acting Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

BILLS READ AND REFERRED.

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor Davidson) had referred, after their captions had been read, the following House bill:

House bill No. 282, referred to Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

By Senator Sturgeon:

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 17, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate, and Hon. Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sirs: Your Free Conference Committee, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 36, with House amendments thereto, have had the same under consideration at a session of said committee, and beg to report the same back to the Senate and the House with recommendation that it do not pass, but that the accompanying Free Conference Committee substitute for Senate bill No. 36 do pass in lieu thereof.

STURGEON,

WARD,

MEACHUM,

VAUGHAN,

PEELER,

On the part of the Senate.

KENNEDY,

CAVES,

HILL,

WOODS,

BROWN,

On the part of the House.

Free Conference Substitute for Senate Bill No. 36.

A BILL

To be Entitled

An Act to amend Article 642, Title 21, Chapter 2, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Section 24a, providing that

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corporations may be created for the purpose of gathering and harvesting cotton, and also by adding thereto Section 24b, providing that corporations may be created for the purpose of doing a general advertising business.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article 642, Title 21, Chapter 2, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas shall be amended by adding thereto the following sections:

Section 24a. Corporations may be created for the purpose of gathering and harvesting cotton; provided that the authorized capital stock of corporations authorized by this section shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars.

Section 24b. Corporations may be created for the purpose of doing a general advertising business.

The above Free Conference Committee report was read and adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Adams.	Meachum.
Astin.	Paulus.
Bryan.	Peeler.
Carter.	Perkins.
Cofer.	Ratliff.
Collins.	Sturgeon.
Greer.	Terrell, Wise.
Hudspeth.	Vaughan.
Hume.	Ward.
Johnson.	Warren.
Kauffman.	Watson.
Lattimore.	Weinert.
McNealus.	Willacy.

Nays—2.

Mayfield.	Townsend.
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Absent.

Murray.	Terrell, McLennan.
Real.	

Senator Sturgeon moved to reconsider the vote by which the report was adopted, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Johnson:

Senate bill No. 276, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and permit the territory situated within

the town of Crosbyton in the said county of Crosby and State of Texas and other land and territory adjacent thereto, to incorporate as an independent school district, for free school purposes only, to be known as the Crosbyton Independent School District, with all the powers, rights and duties of independent school districts formed by incorporations of towns and villages for free school purposes only, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senators Sturgeon, Cofer, Terrill of Wise, Ward, Ratliff, Lattimore, Vaughan, Warren, Johnson, Townsend, Collins, Bryan, Mayfield, McNealus, Carter, Perkins and Greer:

Senate bill No. 277, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit the exchange, barter and sale of spirituous, vinous and malt liquors or medicated bitters capable of producing intoxication within ten miles of the State University of Texas and all branches thereof, including the Agricultural and Mechanical College; except for medicinal mechanical or sacramental purposes and fixing the penalty therefor, repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senators Collins and Ratliff:

Senate bill No. 278, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 164, Section 21 of the Acts of the Twenty-ninth Legislature, 1905, so as to provide for the payment of all vouchers of teachers in the public schools of the State of Texas as same fall due."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senator Warren:

Senate bill No. 279 A bill to be entitled "An Act to make an appropriation of \$60,000 for the purpose of erecting, constructing, equipping and furnishing a boys' dormitory at the State Orphans Home at Corsicana, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

By unanimous consent, after the morning call was concluded.

By Senators Hudspeth and Ratliff:
Senate bill No. 280, A bill to be

entitled "An Act to amend Articles 4549 and 4550, Chapter 11, Title 94, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, as amended by Chapter 4, Acts of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature, and prescribing conditions upon which the purchaser or purchasers and associates, if any, of the property and franchise of the railroad company may become owners of its charter, or many organize a new corporation, and governing, regulating and limiting the stocks and bonds of the new corporation, and of the old corporation, after the sale of its property and franchises, and defining the rights of bondholders, stockholders and unsecured creditors; prescribing certain duties for those managing and operating a railroad, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and Referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Senator McNealus:

Senate bill No. 281, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent the pollution of the water courses of the State of Texas, providing a penalty therefor, and providing means for the abatement thereof."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Collins:

Senate bill No. 282, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit any person, corporation or unincorporated company or the agents, manager or receivers of same from discharging any employe on account of such employe's owing any debt or having given a power of attorney for the collection of any unearned wages, and prescribing a penalty for the violation of this law and the manner of its collection, repealing all laws in conflict herewith and creating an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

Morning call concluded.

SENATE BILL NO. 240.

On motion of Senator Willacy the pending order of business (Senate bill No. 15) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, Senate bill No. 240, by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Astin.
Bryan.

Carter.
Cofer.

Collins.	Perkins.
Greer.	Ratliff.
Hudspeth.	Sturgeon.
Hume.	Terrell, Wise.
Johnson.	Townsend.
Kauffman.	Vaughan.
Mayfield.	Ward.
McNealus.	Warren.
Meachum.	Watson.
Murray.	Weinert.
Paulus.	Willacy.
Peeler.	

Nays—1.

Lattimore.

Absent.

Adams.	Terrell, McLennan.
Real.	

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading

Senate bill No. 240, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Twenty-eighth Judicial District of the State of Texas; to fix the times for holding the terms of court therein, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report, with favorable amendments, was adopted.

Bill read second time and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Willacy, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Astin.	Murray.
Bryan.	Paulus.
Carter.	Peeler.
Cofer.	Perkins.
Collins.	Sturgeon.
Greer.	Terrell, Wise.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.
Hume.	Vaughan.
Johnson.	Ward.
Kauffman.	Warren.
Lattimore.	Watson.
Mayfield.	Weinert.
McNealus.	Willacy.
Meachum.	

Absent.

Adams.	Real.
Ratliff.	Terrell, McLennan.

The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—28.

Astin.	Murray.
Bryan.	Paulus.
Carter.	Peeler.
Cofer.	Perkins.
Collins.	Ratliff.
Greer.	Sturgeon.
Hudspeth.	Terrell, Wise.
Hume.	Townsend.
Johnson.	Vaughan.
Kauffman.	Ward.
Lattimore.	Warren.
Mayfield.	Watson.
McNealus.	Weinert.
Meachum.	Willacy.

Absent.

Adams.	Terrell, McLennan.
Real.	

Senator Willacy moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 188.

On motion of Senator Ward, the pending order of business (Senate bill No. 15) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, Senate bill No. 188, by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading

Senate bill No. 188, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 14 of special road law of Johnson county, passed at the Regular Session of the Twenty-ninth Legislature."

The bill was read third time and passed.

Senator Ward moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 236.

On motion of Senator Greer the pending order of business (Senate bill No. 15) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order Senate bill No. 236 by unanimous consent.

The chair laid before the Senate on second reading,

Senate bill No. 236, A bill to be entitled, "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Wood county, Texas, and making the county

commissioners of said county ex officio road commissioners; prescribing their compensation as such road commissioners, and providing for working county convicts upon public roads of said county and for the payment of the fees of officers and witnesses in such cases and providing for the amount of time to be allowed road hands for their teams, and providing for the payment of \$3.50 in lieu of road service; abolishing the road overseer system in Wood county; making road hands subject to the control of the road commissioners and road superintendents of Wood county, and making road hands subject to road service anywhere in the commissioners precinct in which they reside, but not exceeding five miles from their place of residence; and providing further, making this law cumulative of the general road laws, and in case of a conflict this Act to govern as to Wood county; repealing Chapter 11 of the Special Laws of the Second Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature of Texas; and declaring an emergency."

The committee report which provided that the bill be not printed, was adopted.

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Greer the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Astin.	Paulus.
Bryan.	Peeler.
Carter.	Perkins.
Cofer.	Ratliff.
Collins.	Sturgeon.
Greer.	Terrell, Wise.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.
Hume.	Vaughan.
Johnson.	Ward.
Kauffman.	Warren.
Lattimore.	Watson.
Mayfield.	Weinert.
McNealus.	Willacy.
Meachum.	

Absent.

Adams.	Real.
Murray.	Terrell, McLennan.

The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Astin.	Paulus.
Bryan.	Peeler.
Carter.	Perkins.
Cofer.	Ratliff.
Collins.	Sturgeon.
Greer.	Terrell, Wise.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.
Hume.	Vaughan.
Johnson.	Ward.
Kauffman.	Warren.
Lattimore.	Watson.
Mayfield.	Weinert.
McNealus.	Willacy.
Meachum.	

Absent.

Adams.	Real.
Murray.	Terrell, McLennan.

Senator Greer moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SECOND HOUSE MESSAGE.

Hall of the House of Representatives.
Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

House bill No. 289, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the city of Galveston so as to provide for the initiative and referendum of ordinances and the recall of elective officers in the city of Galveston, by adding to said charter Sections 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, and 5e, and declaring an emergency."

House bill No. 256, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Live Oak County, Texas; making the County Commissioners of said county ex officio road commissioners thereof and prescribing their duties and providing compensation for them as such; requiring said commissioners to give bond as road commissioners; providing for laying said county off into road precincts; authorizing the commissioners court of said county to buy, rent, or hire such teams, tools, machinery, implements, supplies and material as may be necessary for draining, grading, repairing and otherwise working and improving the roads, bridges and culverts of said county and to sell the same, and

to adopt such system and plans as it may deem best for working, grading, draining and otherwise improving the roads of said county; providing for working of county convicts on the public roads of said county and for the payment of officers' fees and the payment of rewards and penalties for the capture of escaped convicts; providing for the appointment of road overseers and the payment of such overseers for extra time; placing road overseers and the work done by them under the control and supervision of the commissioners; providing that those liable to work on the roads of said county shall be exempt therefrom by payment to the county of the sum of \$3.00; providing compensation for the county treasurer for keeping and accounting for the funds collected under the provisions of this Act; providing penalties for failure of road overseers to perform their duties; providing that this Act shall be cumulative of the general laws of the State in reference to the public roads of said county, and declaring an emergency.

Respectfully,

O. P. BASFORD,

Acting Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

BILLS READ AND REFERRED.

The chair (Lieutenant Governor Davidson) had referred, after their captions had been read, the following House bills:

House bill No. 289, referred to Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

House bill No. 256, referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

SIMPLE RESOLUTION.

(By Unanimous Consent.)

By Senator Willacy:

Whereas, Hon. Roy Miller, Secretary of the State Industrial Congress and of the Commercial club of Corpus Christi is at the bar of the Senate, therefore be it resolved, that Mr. Miller be invited to address the Senate.

The resolution was read and adopted.

The Chair appointed Senators Willacy, Weinert and Paulus as a committee to escort Mr. Miller to the President's stand who, after being

introduced, addressed the Senate briefly.

SENATE BILL NO. 40—REFUSE TO TAKE UP.

Senator Hudspeth moved that the pending order of business (Senate bill No. 15) be suspended, and the Senate take up, out of its order, Senate bill No. 40.

The motion was lost by the following vote, a two-third vote being necessary.

Yeas—16.

Adams.	Paulus.
Astin.	Peeler.
Bryan.	Perkins.
Greer.	Sturgeon.
Hudspeth.	Ward.
Hume.	Watson.
Meachum.	Weinert.
Murray.	Willacy.

Nays—10.

Carter.	Mayfield.
Cofer.	Terrell Wise.
Collins.	Townsend.
Johnson.	Vaughan.
Lattimore.	Warren.

Present—Not Voting.

McNealus.

Absent.

Kauffman. Real.

PAIRED.

Senator Ratliff (present), who would vote "nay," with Senator Terrell of McLennan (absent), who would vote "yea."

SENATE BILL NO. 15.

The Chair laid before the Senate as pending business, and on second reading,

Senate bill No. 15, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the employment of children in mills, workshops, mercantile, mechanical or manufacturing establishments, stores, business offices, telegraphic offices, restaurants, hotels, apartment houses, mines, quarries, distilleries, breweries and any establishment using machinery, and in the distribution or transmission of merchandise or mes-

sages, and to provide penalties for the violation of the same."

(Senator Weinert in the chair.)

Senator Watson offered the following amendment:

Amend Senate bill No. 15 by striking out all after "Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas," and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. Any person or any agent or any employe of any person, firm or corporation who shall hereafter employ any child under the age of fifteen years to labor in or about any manufacturing or other establishment using dangerous machinery, or about the machinery in any mill or factory, or in any mine, distillery, brewery, or quarry, or to labor in any capacity in the manufacture of goods for immoral purposes, or where their health may be impaired or morals debased, or shall send any such child to any disorderly house, bawdy house or assignation house, or having the control of such child, shall permit him or her to go to any such house, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than two hundreds dollars, and each day the provisions of this Act are violated shall constitute a separate offense.

Sec. 2. Chapter 28 of the General Laws of the Twenty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, being "An Act to regulate the employment of children in factories, mills, mines, breweries, manufacturing establishments and other establishments using machinery, and to provide penalties for the violation of the same," be and the same are hereby expressly repealed, and any and all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. The fact that there is now no adequate law to prohibit the employment of children of tender age in the factories and other hazardous employments in this State, to the great injury of the children and of society generally, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that this bill be put upon its third reading and final passage, and it is so enacted.

WATSON.
HUME.

Senator Murray offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend the amendment by adding after the word "machinery" the word "Texas Senate."

RECESS.

On motion of Senator Sturgeon, the Senate, at 11:40 o'clock a. m., recessed until 3 o'clock today.

AFTER RECESS.

The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Davidson, and the Senate was at ease for 15 minutes.

The Senate was then called to order by President Pro Tem. Hudspeth, and Senator Weinert was called to the chair.

SENATE BILL NO. 15.

Action recurred on Senate bill No. 15, the question being on the amendment by Senator Murray to the amendment by Senator Watson.

On motion of Senator McNealus the amendment to the amendment was tabled.

The amendment by Senator Watson was then adopted.

Senator McNealus offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

Amend the bill as amended by striking out the words "mine and quarry" in Section 1 of the bill and add Section 2 to the bill to read as follows:

Section 2. Any person, agent or any employe of any person, firm or corporation who shall hereafter employ any child under the age of 17 years to labor in or about any quarry or mine shall be punished as provided for in Section 1 of this Act.

And to number the sections of the bill in accordance herewith.

WATSON,
McNEALUS.

The bill was then read second time and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Watson, the vote by which the bill was ordered engrossed was reconsidered.

Senator Watson offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

Amend by striking out all of the caption and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"An Act to regulate the employment of children in factories, mills, mines, quarries, distilleries, breweries, manufacturing or other establishments using dangerous machinery, in manufactory of goods for immoral purposes, or where their health may be impaired or morals debased, or to send such child to any disorderly house, bawdy house, or house of assignation, or to permit such child to go to any such house, and to provide penalties for violation of same, and to declare an emergency."

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator McNealus, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Adams.	McNealus.
Astin.	Meachum.
Bryan.	Paulus.
Carter.	Peeler.
Cofer.	Perkins.
Collins.	Ratliff.
Greer.	Sturgeon.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.
Hume.	Vaughan.
Johnson.	Ward.
Kauffman.	Warren.
Lattimore.	Watson.
Mayfield.	Weinert.

Absent.

Murray.	Terrell, Wise.
Real.	Willacy.
Terrell, McLennan.	

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Adams.	Mayfield.
Astin.	McNealus.
Bryan.	Meachum.
Carter.	Paulus.
Cofer.	Peeler.
Collins.	Perkins.
Greer.	Ratliff.
Hudspeth.	Sturgeon.
Hume.	Terrell, Wise.
Johnson.	Townsend.
Kauffman.	Vaughan.
Lattimore.	Ward.

Warren.
Watson.

Weinert.

Absent.

Murray.	Terrell, McLennan.
Real.	Willacy.

Senator McNealus moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17.

By Senator Astin:

Be it Resolved by the Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring,

Whereas, It has been announced by the War Department of the Federal Government, that it is the intention to in future establish various stations, each as a breeding ground for horses to be used in the service of the cavalry branch of the United States Army, said breeding of horses to be under the direction of the Bureau of Animal Husbandry of the United States Department of Agriculture; and,

Whereas, in the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas the breeding of horses is taught, and said institution is supported by both Federal and State appropriations, and is also an institution which teaches military science and tactics as prescribed by the War Department, an officer of the United States Army being detailed to be professor of Military Science and Tactics and Commandant of the Cadet Corps; therefore,

Be it Resolved, That we request Hon. Charles A. Culberson and Hon. Joseph W. Bailey, Senators for Texas in the Congress of the United States, and the members of the Texas delegation in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States to use their efforts with the War Department and the Bureau of Animal Husbandry of the United States Department of Agriculture to have one of these breeding stations established at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, under the direction of the Department of Animal Husbandry; be it further,

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution in full be sent to each of the

Senators for Texas in Congress and each of the members of the House of Representatives in Congress, that they may be advised of this action.

The resolution was read and adopted.

EXCUSED.

On account of important business: Senator Terrell of McLennan for today, on motion of Senator Ward.

Senator Real for non-attendance for yesterday and today, on motion of Senator Peeler.

THIRD HOUSE MESSAGE.

Hall of the House of Representatives.
Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House discharged the Free Conference Committee on House bill No. 142, and request the appointment of a new Free Conference Committee to adjust the differences between the two houses on the bill, and have appointed the following committee on part of the House: Messrs. Dunn, Hamilton of Childress, Lee, Cox of Rockwall and Humphrey.

Respectfully,

O. P. BASFORD,

Acting Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

SENATE BILL NO. 132.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading, as pending business:

Senate bill No. 132, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the appointment of official stenographers for district and county courts by the judges thereof, and prescribing their qualifications and duties, and providing for their compensation, and prescribing the time and method of making up and filing statements of facts and bills of exception in cases tried in such courts, and repealing Chapter 39 of the First Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature of Texas, and all other laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Senator Paulus offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

After the word "exception," line 1, page 5, add the following:

"Provided, further, that when the parties fail to agree upon a statement of facts, the judge shall not be required to prepare such statement of facts, unless the party appealing, by himself or attorney, within the time allowed for filing, shall present to the judge a statement of facts, and shall certify thereon over his signature that to the best of his knowledge and belief, it is a full and fair statement of all the facts proven on the trial.

PAULUS,
WEINERT.

Senator Watson offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

Amend House bill No. 132, page 2, Section 3, line 24, by striking out the word "imposed" and insert in lieu thereof the word "interposed."

Senator Watson offered the following amendment:

Amend Senate bill No. 132, page 2, Section 2, line 1, by striking out the words "one hundred and thirty" and insert in lieu thereof the words "one hundred and fifty."

Senator Meachum offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend the amendment by striking out the words "one hundred and fifty" and insert in lieu thereof the words "one hundred and seventy-five."

The amendment to the amendment was adopted, and the amendment as amended was then adopted.

Senator Watson offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

Amend by inserting in Section 8, page 5, line 13, after the word "counties," the following:

"Provided that in a district where in any county in the district the term may continue until the business is disposed of, each county shall pay in proportion to the time court is actually held in such county."

Senator Sturgeon offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

Amend the bill by striking out the words "not previously written by him," in line 2, on page 2, and insert in lieu thereof "submitted to him."

Senator Vaughan offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

Amend the bill by adding after the word "exception" at the close of Section 7, the following: "Provided

that any statement of facts filed before the time for filing the transcript in the appellate court expires shall be considered as having been filed within time allowed by law for filing same."

Senator Lattimore offered the following amendment:

Amend printed bill, page 3, line 1, by striking out the words "at least one year" and inserting therein the words "four years."

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate, and Hon. Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sirs: We, your Free Conference Committee, appointed by the Senate and House on House bill No. 142, beg leave to report as follows:

That the committee strikes out the amendment at the end of Section 4, offered by Senators Willacy and Bryan, and substitutes in lieu thereof Section 6 of the bill finally passed by the House, which is as follows:

"All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed; provided, that nothing herein contained shall permit any person to enter on the enclosed or posted premises of another for the purpose of hunting or trapping or otherwise catching or trapping wild animals for their scalp without having first obtained the consent of the owner," and strike out of the bill the words \$150,000.00 wherever they occur, and insert in lieu thereof \$100,000.

The committee recommend that otherwise the bill pass with the Senate amendments.

HUMPHREY,

DUNN,

COX of Rockwall,

LEE,

HAMILTON of Childress,

On the part of the House.

HUDSPETH,

ADAMS,

JOHNSON,

WATSON,

WILLACY,

On the part of the Senate.

The above report was read and adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Adams.

Astin.

Bryan.
Collins.
Greer.
Hudspeth.
Hume.
Johnson.
Kauffman.
Lattimore.
McNealus.
Meachum.
Murray.

Paulus.
Peeler.
Perkins.
Ratliff.
Townsend.
Vaughan.
Ward.
Warren.
Watson.
Weinert.
Willacy.

Nays—4.

Carter.
Cofer.

Mayfield.
Sturgeon.

Absent.

Terrell, Wise.

Absent—Excused.

Real.

Terrell, McLennan.

Senator Hudspeth moved to reconsider the vote by which the Free Conference Committee Report was adopted and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 132.

Action recurred on Senate bill No. 132, the question being on the amendment by Senator Lattimore.

The amendment was adopted.

Senator Carter offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

Amend the bill, page 6, Section 12, line 26, by striking out "such compensation as the court may fix," and insert in lieu thereof the following "compensation."

Senator Carter offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill, page 6, Section 12, line 22, by adding after the word "therefor" and before the word "the" the following: "in writing showing good and sufficient reasons."

The amendment was read and lost.

Senator Lattimore offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

Amend printed bill, page 6, line 9, by inserting after the word "case" the following: "where an answer is filed."

Senator Ratliff offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

Amend the bill, page 1, by strik-

ing out the word "may" in lines 19 and 23, and insert the word "shall," and by striking out the words "if in their judgment such appointment is necessary" and the words "in the event" in line 24, and the words "of such appointment" in line 25, and by adding the words "to such appointment" at the latter end of line 25 after the word "apply."

RATLIFF,
HUDSPETH.

Senator Vaughan offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill by striking out all of line 32, page 3, and lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 on page 4.

Pending discussion Senator Watson moved to table the amendment, which motion to table was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—19.

Adams.	Paulus.
Astin.	Peeler.
Bryan.	Perkins.
Carter.	Sturgeon.
Cofer.	Terrell, Wise.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.
Hume.	Watson.
Kauffman.	Weinert.
Lattimore.	Willacy.
Meachum.	

Nays—9.

Collins.	Murray.
Greer.	Vaughan.
Johnson.	Ward.
Mayfield.	Warren.
McNealus.	

Absent.

Ratliff.

Absent—Excused.

Real. Terrell, McLennan.

Senator Lattimore offered the following amendment:

Amend printed bill, page 3, line 5, by striking out the word "taken" and insert in lieu thereof the word "perfected."

Senator Meachum moved the previous question on the amendment and the engrossment of the bill, the motion being duly seconded, was so ordered.

The amendment was adopted.

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Watson the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—28.

Adams.	Meachum.
Astin.	Murray.
Bryan.	Paulus.
Carter.	Peeler.
Cofer.	Perkins.
Collins.	Sturgeon.
Greer.	Terrell, Wise.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.
Hume.	Vaughan.
Johnson.	Ward.
Kauffman.	Warren.
Lattimore.	Watson.
Mayfield.	Weinert.
McNealus.	Willacy.

Absent.

Ratliff.

Absent—Excused.

Real. Terrell, McLennan.

The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Adams.	Paulus.
Astin.	Peeler.
Bryan.	Perkins.
Carter.	Ratliff.
Cofer.	Sturgeon.
Collins.	Terrell, Wise.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.
Hume.	Vaughan.
Johnson.	Ward.
Kauffman.	Warren.
Lattimore.	Watson.
Mayfield.	Weinert.
McNealus.	Willacy.
Meachum.	

Nays—1.

Greer.

Absent.

Murray.

Absent—Excused.

Real. Terrell, McLennan.

Senator Watson moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was

passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 40.

On motion of Senator Hudspeth the pending order of business (Senate bill No. 165) was suspended, and the Senate took up out of its order, Senate bill No. 40, by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading,

Senate bill No. 40, A bill to be entitled, "An Act to amend Chapter 4, Acts of the Twenty-eighth Legislature, First Called Session, entitled 'An Act to amend Articles 877, Chapter 2, Title 25, Revised Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, authorizing the commissioners' court of the counties of this State to issue bonds for the purpose of improving and maintaining the public roads in their respective counties, so that said Article 877 shall authorize and empower the commissioners' court of any county in this State to issue bonds for the establishment of county poor houses and farms; and creating an emergency."

(President Pro Tem. Hudspeth in the chair.)

The bill having been read, Senator Lattimore offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

Amend the printed bill, page 2, by striking out in line 4 the word "both."

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Watson the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Adams.	Murray.
Astin.	Paulus.
Bryan.	Peeler.
Carter.	Perkins.
Cofer.	Sturgeon.
Collins.	Terrell, Wise.
Greer.	Townsend.
Hudspeth.	Vaughan.
Hume.	Ward.
Johnson.	Warren.
Kauffman.	Watson.
Lattimore.	Weinert.
Mayfield.	Willacy.
McNealus.	

Absent.

Meachum.

Ratliff.

Absent—Excused.

Real.

Terrell, McLennan.

The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—28.

Adams.	Murray.
Astin.	Paulus.
Bryan.	Peeler.
Carter.	Perkins.
Cofer.	Ratliff.
Collins.	Sturgeon.
Greer.	Terrell, Wise.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.
Hume.	Vaughan.
Johnson.	Ward.
Kauffman.	Warren.
Lattimore.	Watson.
Mayfield.	Weinert.
McNealus.	Willacy.

Absent.

Meachum.

Absent—Excused.

Real.

Terrell, McLennan.

Senator Watson moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 254.

On motion of Senator Warren the special order of business (Senate bill No. 165) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, Senate bill No. 254, by unanimous consent.

On motion of Senator Warren the Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over for one day was suspended, for the purpose of considering this bill (see Appendix for committee report).

The committee report which provided that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The chair laid before the Senate on second reading,

Senate bill No. 254, A bill to be entitled "An Act to grant a charter for the city of Terrell, in Kauffman county, Texas, validating the Acts of the said city as it heretofore existed; repealing all laws and parts of laws

in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Senator Warren offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

Amend Senate Bill No. 254 by striking out Article 6, and by numbering all the succeeding articles consecutively, changing each to a lower number, and by striking out in Section 34 of Article 31 the numeral 30 and by inserting in lieu thereof the numeral 29.

Bill read second time and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Warren the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Adams.	Murray.
Astin.	Paulus.
Bryan.	Peeler.
Carter.	Perkins.
Cofer.	Ratliff.
Collins.	Sturgeon.
Hudspeth.	Terrell, Wise.
Hume.	Townsend.
Johnson.	Vaughan.
Kauffman.	Ward.
Lattimore.	Warren.
Mayfield.	Weinert.
McNealus.	Willacy.
Meachum.	

Absent.

Greer. Watson.

Absent—Excused.

Real. Terrell, McLennan.

The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Adams.	Murray.
Astin.	Paulus.
Bryan.	Peeler.
Carter.	Perkins.
Cofer.	Ratliff.
Collins.	Sturgeon.
Hudspeth.	Terrell, Wise.
Hume.	Townsend.
Johnson.	Vaughan.
Kauffman.	Ward.
Lattimore.	Warren.
Mayfield.	Weinert.
McNealus.	Willacy.
Meachum.	

Absent.

Greer. Watson.

Absent—Excused.

Real. Terrell, McLennan.

Senator Warren moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 282.

On motion of Senator Cofer the special order of business (Senate bill No. 165) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, House bill No. 282.

On motion of Senator Cofer the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and the bill put on its second reading by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Adams.	Paulus.
Astin.	Peeler.
Bryan.	Perkins.
Carter.	Ratliff.
Cofer.	Sturgeon.
Collins.	Terrell, Wise.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.
Hume.	Vaughan.
Johnson.	Ward.
Kauffman.	Warren.
Lattimore.	Watson.
Mayfield.	Weinert.
McNealus.	Willacy.
Murray.	

Absent.

Greer. Meachum.

Absent—Excused.

Real. Terrell, McLennan.

On motion of senator Cofer the Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over for one day was suspended, for the purpose of considering this bill (see Appendix for committee report.)

The committee report, which provided that the bill be not printed, was adopted.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading

House bill No. 282, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending the city charter of Denison, Texas."

Bill read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Cofer the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and the bill put on its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Adams.	Paulus.
Astin.	Peeler.
Bryan.	Perkins.
Carter.	Ratliff.
Cofer.	Sturgeon.
Collins.	Terrell, Wise.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.
Hume.	Vaughan.
Johnson.	Ward.
Kauffman.	Warren.
Lattimore.	Watson.
Mayfield.	Weinert.
McNealus.	Willacy.
Murray.	

Absent.

Greer. Meachum.

Absent—Excused.

Real. Terrell, McLennan.

The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Adams.	Paulus.
Astin.	Peeler.
Bryan.	Perkins.
Carter.	Ratliff.
Cofer.	Sturgeon.
Collins.	Terrell, Wise.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.
Hume.	Vaughan.
Johnson.	Ward.
Kauffman.	Warren.
Lattimore.	Watson.
Mayfield.	Weinert.
McNealus.	Willacy.
Murray.	

Absent.

Greer. Meachum.

Absent—Excused.

Real. Terrell, McLennan.

Senator Cofer moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 241.

On motion of Senator Bryan the special order of business (Senate bill No. 165) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, Senate bill No. 241, by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading

Senate bill No. 241, A bill to be entitled "An Act to empower the commissioners' court of Fisher county to adopt a system for roads; and providing that the members of the commissioners' court of Fisher county shall be ex officio road superintendents of their respective districts, and providing for bonds for said ex officio road superintendent; and providing for the appointment of deputy road superintendents, and fixing bonds for said deputy road superintendents; and providing that the county treasurer shall keep separate account of funds created under this Act; and providing for employment of convicts on public roads, and regulating officers and witness cost of such cases when fines may be worked out on the public roads; and providing for hands to be worked upon the roads; and providing for a method of accounting for road superintendents; and providing for a compensation for road superintendents and deputy road superintendents; and providing for payment of labor on roads; and also providing for the levy of a special road tax under Article 4786 of the Revised Statutes by a majority vote, and providing for the expenditure of special road tax; and providing for the collector of insolvent poll taxes by requiring work on the roads; and providing that this Act shall be cumulative of the General Laws; and providing for an emergency."

The committee report, providing that the bill be not printed, was adopted.

Bill read second time and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Bryan the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Adams.	Carter.
Astin.	Cofer.
Bryan.	Collins.

Hudspeth.	Perkins.
Hume.	Ratliff.
Johnson.	Sturgeon.
Kauffman.	Terrell, Wise.
Lattimore.	Townsend.
Mayfield.	Ward.
McNealus.	Warren.
Murray.	Watson.
Paulus.	Weinert.
Peeler.	Willacy.

Absent.

Greer.	Vaughan.
Meachum.	

Absent—Excused.

Real.	Terrell, McLennan.
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The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Adams.	Murray.
Astin.	Paulus.
Bryan.	Peeler.
Carter.	Perkins.
Cofer.	Ratliff.
Collins.	Sturgeon.
Hudspeth.	Terrell, Wise.
Hume.	Townsend.
Johnson.	Ward.
Kauffman.	Warren.
Lattimore.	Watson.
Mayfield.	Weinert.
McNealus.	Willacy.

Absent.

Greer.	Vaughan.
Meachum.	

Absent—Excused.

Real.	Terrell, McLennan.
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Senator Bryan moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 222.

On motion of Senator Collins the special order of business (Senate bill No. 165) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, Senate bill No. 222, by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading

Senate bill No. 222, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the South Park Independent School District, known as Common School District Number 6, in Jefferson county, Texas, to provide for the election of trustees, for the raising of revenue, issuing bonds, building and maintaining school houses, maintaining public free schools, declaring valid an issue of bonds heretofore made, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report, which provided that the bill be not printed, was adopted.

Bill read second time and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Collins, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Adams.	Paulus.
Astin.	Peeler.
Bryan.	Perkins.
Carter.	Ratliff.
Cofer.	Sturgeon.
Collins.	Terrell, Wise.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.
Hume.	Vaughan.
Johnson.	Ward.
Kauffman.	Warren.
Lattimore.	Watson.
Mayfield.	Weinert.
McNealus.	Willacy.
Murray.	

Absent.

Greer.	Meachum.
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Absent—Excused.

Real.	Terrell, McLennan.
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The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Adams.	Mayfield.
Astin.	McNealus.
Bryan.	Murray.
Carter.	Paulus.
Cofer.	Peeler.
Collins.	Perkins.
Hudspeth.	Ratliff.
Hume.	Sturgeon.
Johnson.	Terrell, Wise.
Kauffman.	Townsend.
Lattimore.	Vaughan.

Ward.
Warren.

Watson.
Weinert.

Absent.

Greer.

Meachum.

Absent—Excused.

Real.

Terrell, McLennan.

Senator Collins moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 81.

On motion of Senator Sturgeon the special order of business. (Senate bill No. 165) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, Senate bill No. 81, by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Adams.
Astin.
Bryan.
Carter.
Cofer.
Collins.
Hudspeth.
Hume.
Johnson.
Kauffman.
Lattimore.
Mayfield.
McNealus.
Murray.

Paulus.
Peeler.
Perkins.
Ratliff.
Sturgeon.
Terrell, Wise.
Townsend.
Vaughan.
Ward.
Warren.
Watson.
Weinert.
Willacy.

Absent.

Greer.

Meachum.

Absent—Excused.

Real.

Terrell, McLennan.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading.

Senate bill No. 81, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the appointment of additional judges, clerks and supervisors for elections at which a constitutional amendment or any question or proposition is voted upon; and providing that the vote of any county, city or other political subdivision or voting precinct of the county wherein this Act is not complied with shall not be counted as to or in the determination

of the adoption or rejection of such constitutional amendment, question or proposition, and declaring an emergency."

Senator Sturgeon offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill by striking out the words in line 27 and 28 on page 1, "if they be reputable citizens, but not otherwise."

Pending.

SIMPLE RESOLUTION.

By Senator Lattimore, by unanimous consent,

Be it Resolved by the Senate of Texas, That whereas there has been offered to the United States Government certain valuable horses for the purpose of establishing a breeding station at some point within the limits of the United States;

Therefore, we request the representations of this State in both houses of our National Congress to use their best efforts to secure the location of such breeding station at and near the Agricultural and Mechanical College of the State of Texas at Bryan, Texas.

The resolution was read and adopted.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Senator Murray, the Senate, at 6:50 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock Monday morning.

APPENDIX.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

(Majority Report.)

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, a majority of your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 116, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 1 and 4 of an Act of the Thirty-first Legislature, entitled 'An Act to permit all villages, towns and cities having a population of less than ten thousand inhabitants, whether incorporated or unincorporated, to adopt the Com-

mission form of government, consisting of three commissioners, one of whom shall be mayor, to be elected at large from such village, town or city; to fix the duties, and powers of same, term of office and compensation, and declaring an emergency,' approved March 25, 1909, so that hereafter only villages, towns and cities of two hundred and less than ten thousand inhabitants shall be permitted to incorporate under this Act; to add Sections 10, 11 and 12; and to validate the incorporation of all such villages, towns and cities as have attempted to incorporate, or have attempted to change from the aldermanic to the commission form of government and have been recognized as such villages, towns and cities, but have failed to comply with the law in such corporation; to designate and fix certain methods and rules from which to reckon the assessment of property for taxes; to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

MEACHUM, Chairman.

(Minority Report.)

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, a minority of your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 116, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 1 and 4 of an Act of the Thirty-first Legislature, entitled "An Act to permit all villages, towns and cities having a population of less than ten thousand inhabitants, whether incorporated or unincorporated, to adopt the Commission form of government, consisting of three commissioners, one of whom shall be mayor, to be elected at large from such village, town or city; to fix the duties, and powers of same, term of office and compensation, and declaring an emergency,' approved March 25, 1909, so that hereafter only villages, towns and cities of two hundred and less than ten thousand inhabitants shall be permitted to incorporate under this Act; to add Sections 10, 11

and 12; and to validate the incorporation of all such villages, towns and cities as have attempted to incorporate, or have attempted to change from the aldermanic to the commission form of government and have been recognized as such villages, towns and cities, but have failed to comply with the law in such corporation; to designate and fix certain methods and rules from which to reckon the assessment of property for taxes; to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

LATTIMORE.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 154, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend the Charter of the City of Galveston so as to provide for the initiative and referendum of ordinances and recall of elective officers in the city of Galveston, by adding to said charter sections 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d and 5e, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

MEACHUM, Chairman.

(Majority Report.)

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, a majority of your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 190, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the creation of commission form of government cities with a population of less than five thousand inhabitants in the State of Texas, and authorizing cities and towns and towns and villages incorporated under the general laws of the State of Texas to adopt the Commission form of

government city; providing for the rights, powers, duties, and privileges of such Commission form of government; providing for the officers of such Commission form of government city; their rights, duties, powers and privileges; validating all cities incorporated under Chapter 106 of the Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, especially validating all proceedings had by such cities, providing such proceedings have embraced subject matter not prohibited by the General Laws."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

MEACHUM, Chairman.

(Minority Report.)

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, a minority of your Committee on Towns and City Corporations to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 190, A bill to be entitled, "An Act to authorize the creation of Commission form of government in cities with a population of less than five thousand inhabitants in the State of Texas and authorizing cities and towns and towns and villages incorporated under the General Laws of the State of Texas to adopt the commission form of government city; providing for the rights, powers, duties and privileges of such commission form of government; providing for the officers of such commission form of government city; their rights, duties, powers and privileges; validating all cities incorporated under Chapter 106 of the Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, especially validating all proceedings had by such cities provided such proceedings have embraced subject matter not prohibited by the General Laws."

Have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

LATTIMORE.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

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Sir: Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations to whom was referred,

Senate bill No. 212, A bill to be entitled, "An Act to amend Chapter 42 of an Act of the Twenty-ninth Legislature entitled "An Act to prohibit the granting or use for railway or other purposes of any part of the tract of land in the city and county of Galveston, Texas, acquired by that county or the commissioners court thereof for sea wall purposes," by adding thereto Section 1a, authorizing and empowering Galveston county or the commissioners court of said county to convey or lease to the Board of Regents of the University of Texas on behalf of the State of Texas, for hospital purposes in connection with the John Sealy hospital, all or any part of the tract of land acquired under said Act, which lies to the north or northward of Avenue B, in said city, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

MEACHUM, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred,

Senate bill No. 217, A bill to be entitled, "An Act to ratify and confirm an ordinance passed by the Board of City Commissioners of the city of Galveston on the 19th day of January, 1911, vacating that portion of 8th street between Avenue A and B in the city of Galveston, to be used for hospital purposes as a part of the John Sealy Hospital and closing that portion of Eighth street as a public street, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

MEACHUM, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred,

Senate bill No. 263, A bill to be entitled, "An Act to authorize cities, acting under special charters, granted by the Legislature of the State of Texas to carry out existing contracts or make contracts with railway companies, to erect and complete viaducts, to abolish and close portion of streets, crossed by railroad tracks, to issue viaduct bonds not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), to pay for right of way for viaducts and damages, if any, to abutting property owners, and to give to such cities the right of eminent domain and power to condemn all land necessary for right of way for viaducts, and to confer authority upon such cities to compel railway companies to comply with contracts to construct and complete viaducts; and to declare an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

MEACHUM, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred,

Senate bill No. 87,, A bill to be entitled, "An Act to amend the charter of the City of Galveston by amending Section 35 thereof so as to authorize the city to condemn property, to open streets, alleys and public parks; Section 62a thereof so as to include the northwest and the northeast quarters of out lot 92 as known and designated on the maps and plats of the City of Galveston subdivision (b) of Section 34 thereof so as to authorize the Board of Commissioners of said City to require the pavement or improvement of the alleys in said city in the same manner as streets and sidewalks may be required to be improved or paved under the present charter and ordinance of the City of Galveston; Section 32 thereof so as to authorize the Police and Fire Commissioners to hear and determine charges against policemen and firemen, and by adding to said Charter, Section 34a, authorizing said Board of Commissioners to appropriate and expend annually a sum of not less than \$3,000.00 to provide for public entertainment; Section 35a, authorizing said Board to cede and convey streets and alleys in

the City of Galveston to the United States Government, which said Government may need for public purposes; Section 78b, authorizing the Board of Commissioners of the City of Galveston to sell and convey by proper deed for not less than \$50,000.00 in cash, to the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Company, the interest of said City in the lots and blocks known as the "East End Park;" Section 78c, ratifying and confirming an ordinance passed by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Galveston on June 30th, 1910, whereby parts of certain streets in said City of Galveston are closed, delivered and conveyed to the Union Passenger Depot Company of Galveston, for the purpose of building thereon a union passenger depot, and other streets in lieu of those so surrendered by the City of Galveston are furnished the said city by the aforesaid the Union Passenger Depot Company of Galveston, and further providing for the payment of \$25,000.00 by said The Union Passenger Depot Company of Galveston for the pavement of the streets so furnished to said city, and further providing for the building of drains and other public works; Section 36a, authorizing said Board of Commissioners to require owners of premises situated in the Sea Wall Improvement Fill to surface the same or cause the same to be done at the expense of such owners and to assess such cost against such premises and create a lien thereon; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

MEACHUM, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred,

Senate bill No. 19, A bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the City of Longview and to grant it a charter; to define its powers and to prescribe its duties and liabilities; and to declare an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recom-

mentation that it do pass, and be not printed.

MEACHUM, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred,

Senate bill No. 254, A bill to be entitled "An Act to grant a charter for the City of Terrell, in Kauffman county, Texas, validating the Acts of said city as it heretofore existed, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

MEACHUM, Chairman.

(Floor Report.)

Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred,

House bill No. 282, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 6, Article 7, of a Special Act, entitled, 'An Act granting to Denison, Grayson county, Texas, a new charter of incorporation; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,' adopted at the Regular Session of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Texas, approved on the 27th day of March, 1907, so as to provide that any insufficiency, real or supposed in the caption to any resolution adopted by the city council of the city of Denison, shall not invalidate or otherwise affect, any election proceeding which may have been or which may be held thereunder or the validity of any bonds that may have been, or which may be issued by said city when the records of the proceedings in relation to such bonds shall have been approved by the Attorney General and such bonds registered as provided by law and declaring all bonds issued by said city since the 27th day of March, 1907, to be valid and binding obligations of said city requiring provisions for the payment of principal and in-

terest of same, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Meachum, Hume, Lattimore, Collins, Peeler, Vaughan, Kauffman, Hudspeth.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred,

Senate bill No. 267, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter forty-two (42) of the Regular Session of the Twenty-ninth Session of the Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled An Act to prohibit the granting or use for railway or other purposes of any part of the tract of land in the city of Galveston, county of Galveston, Texas, acquired by that county or of the county commissioners' court thereof, for Sea Wall purposes, by adding thereto Section four (4), providing that after January first, nineteen hundred and twelve, the county of Galveston may lease or sell right of way, on bid after fifteen (15) days advertisement thereof, in the daily newspapers in the county of Galveston, for an Electric or other passenger railroad, other than steam, over and along said Sea Wall tract of land, said lease or sale of right-of-way to only become operative after submission to and approval of tax paying voters of said county voting at election to be held, all expenses of election to be paid by the lessee or purchaser.

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

KAUFFMAN, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Internal Improvements to whom was referred,

Senate bill No. 256, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the better protection of life and property against injury or damage resulting from the

operation of steam engines and boilers by incompetent engineers and others, and to repeal any Act that has been passed by the Legislature of Texas, granting cities the power to license engineers, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

KAUFFMAN, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1911.
Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Internal Improvements to whom was referred,

Senate bill No. 252, A bill to be entitled, "An Act declaring persons, corporations and receivers operating dangerous machinery, or any telephone or telegraph system, or any other property by means of electricity, to be liable to employees for injuries received through the negligence of such employer, or of any officer, agent or servant of said employer, or in case of death from such injuries, to be liable to the surviving widow and children or husband and children, and mother and father of the deceased and if none, then to the next of kin dependent upon such employers; prescribing the effect of contributory negligence and assumed risk upon the right of recovery declaring void any contract, rule or regulation intended to enable the employer to limit liability; also providing that the employer shall be entitled to set off against any claim of any sum contributed by said employer to a fund provided for such cases and which was actually paid to the injured party, and exempting such recovery from the debts of the deceased and providing that the recovery shall be apportioned by the jury, or court trying the case without a jury, among those entitled to recover; providing how and by whom suit may be brought, also that nothing in this Act shall impair any right under any other laws of this State or of the United States, or in any way interfere with any proceedings now pending in any court."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

KAUFFMAN, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1911.
Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 253, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company of Texas to lease for a term of not less than twenty-five years the railroad of the Texas Central Railroad Company, extending from the city of Waco in McLennan county, Texas, to the town of Rotan, in Fisher county, Texas, and its branches and extensions, constructed or to be constructed, together with the properties, franchises and appurtenances pertaining thereto, and to, at any time during the life of such lease, purchase, own and operate and maintain the same as a part of its line, and to complete and extend the same as contemplated and provided in the charter of the said Texas Central Railroad Company, with the right to make such other extensions and construct such branches as may be hereafter authorized by amendment of its charter under the General Laws of the State of Texas; and vesting said companies, and each of them, with the power to make and execute all necessary contracts and agreements to effect said lease, purchase and sale; and authorizing the said, The Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company of Texas to assume the payment of the bond and other indebtedness of the Texas Central Railroad Company, and to purchase the issued and outstanding stock of the Texas Central Railroad Company and to exchange its own stock and bonds for the stock and bonds of the said Texas Central Railroad Company, or to substitute its own bond, under the general laws of the State of Texas and subject to the approval of the Railroad Commission of Texas, in lieu thereof; and prescribing the terms and conditions upon which said lease, purchase and sale may be made; and requiring the courts to take judicial notice of its provisions, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

KAUFFMAN, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred

House bill No. 168, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 42 of the General Laws of the Thirtieth Legislature, relating to exemptions as effecting employes of common carriers, religious societies, volunteer firemen and Confederate Veterans."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendment:

Amend the bill by inserting the following:

Page 1, line 5, by adding after the word "railway" the following: "telegraph."

Amend the bill by inserting the following:

Page 1, line 2, of Section 2, by adding after the word "railway" the following: "telegraph."

Amend the bill, page 2, line 15, by adding after the words "express cars" "also officers and."

Page 2, line 15, after word "employes" add the words "and their families."

Page 3, line 33, after word "lessees" the words "and their families."

Page 4, line 29, after "employes" add "and their families."

KAUFFMAN, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Stock and Stock Raising, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 234, A bill to be entitled "An Act defining live stock commission merchants, requiring such merchants to give bond, imposing penalty for pursuing occupation of live stock commission merchant when bond has not been made; providing that suits may be brought on such bonds; fixing the venue of such suits, repealing all laws in conflict, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to re-

port it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

ADAMS, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 17, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred,

House bill No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act to simplify the certification of teachers, repealing Sections 105, 106, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, and 125 of Chapter 124 of the Acts of the Twenty-ninth Legislature, Sections 122 and 124 of the Acts of the Twenty-ninth Legislature, as amended by Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature, Second Called Session, Chapter 7, and Sections 2, 3, and 4 of Chapter 68, and Section 1 and 2, Chapter 149, Acts of the Thirtieth Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

PERKINS, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 17, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred,

House bill No. 138, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment, organization and control of public high schools in the common school districts of Texas, making an appropriation for teaching of agriculture, domestic economy, and manual training in said high schools, and in certain high schools already established, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

PERKINS, Chairman.

(Floor Report.)

Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred,

Senate bill No. 275, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a

home for the indigent wives and widows of disabled Confederate soldiers and sailors who entered the Confederate service of Texas, or who came to Texas prior to January 1, 1880, and who are over sixty years of age, whose husbands' disability is the proximate result of service in the Confederate Army for a period of at least three months, and also for women who aided in the Confederacy, to authorize the appointment of a Board of Managers for said home, and prescribe their powers and duties, to make an appropriation for the purpose of establishing said home, and for its maintenance and support, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Willacy, Chairman; Meachum, Warren, Astin, Peeler, Kauffman, Terrell of Wise, Hudspeth, Johnson, Bryan, Weinert, Murray, Paulus.

(Floor Report.)

Austin, Texas, Feb. 17, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred,

Senate bill No. 268, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Terrell county, Texas, and making the county commissioners of said county ex officio road overseers, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as such road commissioners; and providing for the working of county convicts upon the public roads of said county, and providing for the amount of compensation in road time to be allowed by overseers to road hands for teams and road work; and providing for the condemnation of land for public road purposes, and relieving road hands from the performance of road work by the payment of the sum of three dollars, and providing further, making this law cumulative of the General Laws, and in case of conflict this Act to govern as to Terrell county, Texas, and fixing a penalty for the violation of this Act; and repealing all laws in conflict with this Act, and declaring an emergency."

Beg to report that we have had said bill under consideration, and

recommend that same do pass, and be not printed.

Greer, Chairman; Ratliff, Perkins, Johnson, Kauffman, Weinert, Paulus.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 17, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 121, A bill to be entitled "An Act to grant and transfer to the United States Government, land belonging to the State of Texas, situated on Galveston Island, in Galveston county, Texas, comprising what is known as the Fort San Jacinto Military Reservation, on which to locate, construct and maintain a military post and fortification, and to grant, cede and transfer to said United States Government the tide lands in front of and all future accretions and accumulations to all said lands; and for the cession by the State of Texas to the United States Government of jurisdiction over all such lands or the accretions thereto, or the accumulations thereto."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed by the committee to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

MURRAY, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared,

Senate bill No. 240, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Twenty-eighth Judicial District of the State of Texas; to fix the times for holding the terms of court therein, and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

COFER, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 17, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 92, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 69 and Chapter 124 of the Acts of

the Regular Session of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Texas, as amended by the Second Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature. Said amended Act being known as Chapter 18 and approved May 12, 1909, transferring the county of Bee from the Twenty-fourth Judicial District, to the Thirty-sixth Judicial District, and to change the time of holding district court in the Twenty-fourth and Thirty-sixth Judicial Districts, and declaring an emergency."

And find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

RATLIFF, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 17, 1911.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 26, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide additional compensation to all judges of the District Courts, District Attorneys of the State of Texas, and to the judges of the Criminal District Court of Harris and Galveston counties, by allowing compensation for actual and necessary expenses when engaged in the discharge of their official duties in counties other than the county of their residence, and declaring an emergency."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. All District Judges within this State, all District Attorneys of the State of Texas, and the Judge of the Criminal District Court of Harris and Galveston counties, when engaged in the discharge of their official duties in any county in this State other than the county of their residence, shall, in addition to the compensation now provided by law for their services, be allowed their actual and necessary expenses while engaged in the discharge of such duties, not to exceed the sum of two (\$2.00) dollars per day for hotel bills and not to exceed three cents per mile when traveling by railroad, and not to exceed fifteen cents per mile when traveling in private conveyance in going to and returning from the place where such duties are discharged, traveling by the nearest practicable route, such sum to be paid by the State upon

the sworn account of the District Judge and District Attorney, respectively, entitled thereto showing the actual and necessary traveling expenses, and other actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their official duties in compliance with the provisions of this Act, provided there shall never be paid to any such Judge or District Attorney more than the sum of four hundred dollars, in any one year, under the provisions of this Act; provided not more than two hundred dollars shall be drawn during any six months of service; provided, further, that the account for such services above provided for shall be recorded in the minute books of the district court of the county in which such District Judge or District Attorney shall reside.

Sec. 2. The fact that there has never been any provision made for the compensation for District Judges, District Attorneys and the Judge of the Criminal District Court of Harris and Galveston counties of this State for their actual and necessary expenses incidental to the discharge of their duties over their several districts creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

And find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

RATLIFF, Chairman.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Lieutenant Governor Davidson:

Resolution adopted by the Fourth District Convention of the Texas Bankers' Association assembled at Hillsboro indorsing the Cofer bill, appropriating \$200,000 for the establishing of agricultural stations in Texas.

By Senator Johnson:

Petition numerously signed by citizens of Castro county protesting against the proposed enactment of a law authorizing said county to hold an election to determine as to whether or not said county shall have a stock law.

By Senator Paulus:
Petition numerously signed by citizens of his district expressing opposition to House bill No. 341.

By Senator Paulus:
Petition numerously signed by citizens of his district urging passage of "An Act to define and regulate the practice of optometry."

By Senator Ratliff:
Petition numerously signed by citizens of his district asking the Legislature to oppose House bill No. 319, providing for a county license of \$375 against itinerant venders of medicine.

By Senators Peeler and Adams:
Petitions numerously signed by citizens of their respective districts asking support in behalf of a measure placing a tax of \$375 against itinerant venders of medicine.

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
Monday, February 20, 1911.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Davidson.

Roll call, quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Adams.	Paulus.
Astin.	Peeler.
Bryan.	Perkins.
Carter.	Ratliff.
Cofer.	Sturgeon.
Collins.	Terrell, McLennan.
Greer.	Terrell, Wise.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.
Hume.	Vaughan.
Johnson.	Ward.
Lattimore.	Warren.
Mayfield.	Watson.
McNealus.	Weinert.
Meachum.	Willacy.
Murray.	

Absent.

Kauffman. Real.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Bradfield of Austin.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, on motion of Senator Perkins, the same was dispensed with.

REGULAR ORDER.

The Chair called the regular order of business. (See Appendix for committee reports and petitions and memorials.)

SIMPLE RESOLUTION.

By Senator Hudspeth:

Whereas, The Honorable J. G. (better known as Pat) Murphy, ex-mayor of the great city of San Angelo, and the Hon. Robt. P. Kirk, the present mayor of the beautiful city of Ballinger, are now in the gallery of the Senate,

Be it Resolved by the Senate that these two cowboy mayors be invited to address the Senate and the courtesies of the Senate be extended to them.

ADAMS,
HUDSPETH.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Senators Hudspeth, Adams and Bryan were appointed as a committee to escort the above named gentlemen to the president's stand.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senators Cofer and Vaughan:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 18: Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives Concurring, that the regular session of the Thirty-second Legislature stand adjourned sine die at 12 o'clock meridian on Saturday the 11th day of March, A. D. 1911.

Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Terrell of McLennan:

Senate bill No. 284, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the sale of the railroad belonging to the State extending from Rusk to Palestine and its appurtenances, providing the manner of fixing the consideration and terms of the sale and to whom same may be sold, and if sold to the owners of a railroad it may be operated as a part thereof, placing it under the supervision of the Railroad Commission, providing how the proceeds of sale shall be applied, and providing the manner of making the conveyance; providing further, if no sale can be made in a given time, then the State Railroad, equipment and appurtenances shall be leased, to whom it